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SUMMARY

11. (S) IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS POSED IN REF A, ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE U.N. WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (WFP) AND THE SECRET

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GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ'S (GGI) MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (MOT) ARE
FURTHER DEFINED AS THEY RELATE TO THE CURRENT FOOD
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. THERE IS NO/NO WEP FOOD DELIVERY AND
DISTRIBUTION NETWORK IN IRAQ. WFP PLAYS AN INTEGRAL ROLE IN
THE SYSTEM IN THE NORTH AND PROVIDES OVERSIGHT IN
SOUTH/CENTRAL, BUT IT IS A GOVERNMENT SYSTEM. ESTIMATES ARE
GIVEN FOR STOCKPILES INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY, ALBEIT
SKETCHY FOR THE INSIDE. WFP HAS VERY LITTLE EQUIPMENT/ASSETS
OF ITS OWN IN IRAQ. NO WFP PERSONNEL WORK AT PORT UMM QASR.
WFP NATIONAL STAFF PAYMENT SYSTEM DESCRIBED. U.S. MISSION
SHARES VIEWS ON RE-ESTABLISHING THE CURRENT SYSTEM, IF IT
WERE DERAILED. SEE PARAS 12-16. END SUMMARY.

WFP RESPONSIBILITIES

12. (S) AS REPORTED IN REF C, WFP PLAYS A MUCH GREATER ROLE IN THE NORTH THAN IN THE SOUTH/CENTRAL REGIONS, BUT EVEN IN THE NORTH, WFP IS NOT IN CONTROL OF THE ENTIRE OPERATION. IN THE NORTH, WFP MANAGES THE EXTENDED DELIVERY POINT (EDP) WARRHOUSES IN DAHUK, ARBIL, AND SULAYMANIAH, CONTRACTS FOR THE TRUCKING FROM THE TRANSIT WAREHOUSES IN MOSUL AND KIRKUK THE TRUCKING FROM THE TRANSIT WAREHOUSES IN MOSUL AND KIRKUK TO THE NORTH AND THE TRUCKS FROM THE EDPS TO THE FOOD/FLOUR AGENTS, AND MAINTAINS THE DATABASE OF BENEFICIARIES. AS IT DOES IN SOUTH/CENTRAL, WFP ALSO OBSERVES ALL LOADING OF COMMODITES, CHECKS THE BOOKS OF THE FOOD/FLOUR AGENTS, OVERSEES THE DISTRIBUTIONS, AND CONDUCTS POST-DISTRIBUTION MONITORING IN THE HOUSEHOLDS. IN NONE/NONE OF THE COUNTRY, DOES WFP DECIDE THE DATES OF THE DISTRIBUTIONS, MAKE TENDERS FOR FOOD PURCHASES, CONTRACT OUTSIDE TRANSPORT, PLAY ANY ROLE SECRET SECRET

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IN THE MILLING OPERATION (OTHER THAN OVERSEEING IT), WORK
WITH ANY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOS) FOR THE
GENERAL DISTRIBUTION, DO ANY DISTRIBUTIONS--EVEN IN THE
NORTH, OR MANAGE THE FOOD PIPELINE. THE MOT PERFORMS ALL THE
TASKS THAT WFP DOES NOT.

(C) THE MOT SERVES AS THE INTERNATIONAL PROCUREMENT AGENT 13. (C) THE MOT SERVES AS THE INTERNATIONAL FACCAGERED AGENT FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTRY AND ARRANGES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT OF COMMODITIES. IT ARRANGES FOR THE TRANSPORT AND MAINTAINS THE DATABASE OF BENEFICIARIES IN THE CENTRAL/SOUTH, MAND KEPPS TABS ON THE BENEFICIARIES IN THE CENTRAL/SOUTH, AND KEPPS TABS ON THE BENEFICIARIES IN THE NORTH AS IT CALCULATES HOW MUCH FOOD IS SENT TO THE NORTH MONTHLY BASED ON THE BENEFICIARY FIGURES. IT ALSO MAINTAINS THE WAREHOUSES, FLOUR MILLS, AND SILOS, AND SERVES AS THE OVERALL PLANNING CENTER, INCLUDING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PIPELINE.

WAREHOUSES, SUPPLIES, BENEFICIARY DATABASES

14. (S) QUESTION 3.1 IN REF A. WHAT QUANTITY OF GOODS IS

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STOCKPILED? HOW MANY DAYS OF HUMANITARIAN SUPPLIES DOES THIS REPRESENT? WHO CONTROLS ACCESS TO WAREHOUSES WHERE SUPPLIES ARE STOCKPILED?

- 1A. (S) WFP ESTIMATES IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY THERE IS APPROXIMATELY 450,000 METRIC TONS (MT), WHICH IS ALMOST ENOUGH TO CONDUCT ONE MONTH'S DISTRIBUTION. TOTAL TONNAGE DISTRIBUTED PER MONTH IN THE NORTH IS 50,000-60,000 MT PER MONTH AND IN THE SOUTH/CENTRAL REGIONS IS 400,000-420,000 MT PER MONTH, TOTALING 25.8 MILLION BENEFICIARIES IN NOVEMBER. SECRET
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 WFP'S EDP WAREHOUSES IN THE NORTH ARE RATHER SMALL. THE
 DAHUK WAREHOUSE HOLDS ONLY 3,000-4,000 MT, THE ONE IN ARBIL
 IS A BIT LARGER, AND THE ONE IN SULAYMANIAH CAN STOCK FOR ONE
 MONTH. THIS MEANS THE NORTH CANNOT/CANNOT CURRENTLY STORE
 EVEN ONE MONTH'S OF FOOD. SINCE A TWO-MONTH DISTRIBUTION WAS
 GIVEN IN DECEMBER (FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH), WFP REPORTS THE
 WAREHOUSES CURRENTLY HAVE VERY LITTLE. TEA AND SUGAR PRIMARILY.
- 1B. (C) WFP ALSO RELAYED THAT IT NEVER/NEVER STORES WHEAT FLOUR IN THE NORTH, AS IT IS TRANSPORTED DIRECTLY FROM THE MILLS IN MOSUL AND/OR KIRKUK TO THE EDP POINTS, WHERE IT IS TRANS-SHIPPED ONTO SMALLER TRUCKS WITH THE OTHER COMMODITIES FOR DELIVERY TO THE FOOD/FLOUR AGENTS.
- 1C. (C) OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY, WFP HAS OVER 6,000 MT
 BISCUITS STORED IN TURKEY AND 3,000 MT RICE THAT WILL BE
 STORED IN JORDAN (ON ITS WAY FROM VIET NAM). THESE FOODS ARE
 FOR WFP'S NUTRITIONAL PROJECT (PRRO 6085 WHICH ENDS JUNE
 30, 2003) BUT WFP HAS PURCHASED A LARGER QUANTITY AS A
 CONTINGENCY MEASURE. WFP HAS PUT INTO PLACE NOW ARRANGEMENTS
 WITH SYRIA TO BORROW 40,000 MT OF WHEAT FORM ITS NATIONAL
 STOCKS. A SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN MADE WITH A
 PARASTATAL IN TURKEY FOR 4,000 MT WHEAT. DISCUSSIONS
 CONTINUE WITH THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING LOANS OF
 WHEAT. WFP ALSO SIGNED A LETTER OF INTENT WITH THE IRAN RED
 CRESCENT WHEREBY IT AGREED TO PROVIDE A FULL RATION TO
 250,000 PEOPLE FOR ONE MONTH. WFP'S EMERCENCY OPERATION
 (EMOP) FOR IRAQ WAS SIGNED ON DECEMBER 23. IT REQUESTS
 PULSES AND OIL, WHICH WOULD COMPLEMENT THE WHEAT LOANS, FOR
 900,000 BENEFICIARIES FOR TEN WEEKS.
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- 1D. (C) IN THE NORTH, WFP CONTROLS ACCESS TO THE THREE WAREHOUSES IN THE NORTH; THE MOT CONTROLS ACCESS TO ALL OTHER WAREHOUSES, MILLS, AND SILOS.
- 15. (S) QUESTION 3.2 IN REF A. WHO CONTROLS THE COMPILATION OF, AND ACCESS TO, THE BENFICIARY RATION LISTS? WFP MAINTAINS THE BENEFICIARY DATABASE IN THE NORTH AND THE MOT MAINTAINS THE LISTS FOR SOUTH/CENTRAL. WITH THAT SAID, HOWEVER, THE MOT EXERTS CONTROL OVER THE ENTIRE SYSTEM. AS REPORTED IN REF B, THE GOI IS CURRENTLY EXPELLING KURDS FROM THE KIRKUK AREA AND SENDING THEM NORTH. WFP IS INTERVENING WITH THE MOT ON THE KURDS' BEHALF TO HAVE THE DISPLACED KURDS' NAMES REMOVED FROM THE GOI FOOD DISTRIBUTION LISTS IN THE CENTRAL REGION SO THEY CAN BE ADDED TO WFF'S LISTS IN THE NORTH. AND AS STATED ABOVE, THE MOT DETERMINES THE NORTH'S MONTHLY FOOD SHIPMENT BASED ON THE LISTS. IF WFP ADDED THE DISPLACED KURDS TO ITS LISTS WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE MOT, WFP WOULD NOT RECEIVE ENOUGH RATIONS FOR ALL BENEFICIARIES.

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LOGISTICS

16. (S) QUESTION 3.3. PART ONE. WHAT ASSESTS/FACILITIES DOES THE UN OWN IN IRAQ THAT ARE USED BY WFP? WHAT IRAQI-OWNED FACILITIES/ASSETS ARE USED FOR WFP? COULD REPLACEMENTS BE FOUND? THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES OR THE MOT OWN EVERYTHING THAT WFP USES EXCEPT FOR WFP'S STAFF VEHICLES AND COMPUTERS AND OTHER GENERAL OFFICE EQUIPMENT. WFP REPORTS THAT THE GOI IS THE ONLY INSTITUTION THAT HAS WAREHOUSES. SECRET

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WFP COULD, OF COURSE, CONSTRUCT ITS OWN--IN A DIFFERENT
ENVIRONMENT OR UNDER A DIFFERENT SYSTEM. THE TRUCKS FOR FOOD
TRANSPORT ARE RENTED COMMERCIALLY IN THE NORTH.

17. QUESTION 3.3. PART TWO. IS ACCESS TO THE WFP DELIVERY AND DISTRIBUTION NETWORK, WAREHOUSES, AND FOOD/FLOUR AGENTS LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE TO INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AGENCIES IN A POST-CONFLICT ENVIRONMENT? AS STATED IN REF TELS, THERE IS NO/NO WFP DELIVERY AND DISTRIBUTION NETWORK. THERE IS ONLY THE MOT DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, TO WHICH WFP PROVIDES OVERSIGHT IN SOUTH/CENTRAL, AND PLAYS A MORE INTEGRAL ROLE IN THE NORTH. PLEASE SEE PARA 2 ABOVE. THE WAREHOUSE SPACE BEING USED BY WFP IN THE NORTH IS MINIMAL, SO THERE IS NO UNUSED SPACE AVAILABLE TO OTHER INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AGENCIES. WFP, HOWEVER, COULD CONSTRUCT TEMPORARY WAREHOUSES, I.E. RUBB HALLS, AS IT DOES IN PLACES AROUND THE WORLD THAT COULD BE SHARED WITH OTHERS. PERHAPS, OTHERS COULD USE THE FOOD/FLOUR AGENTS TO DISTRIBUTE NON-FOOD ITEMS, HOWEVER IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT THE AGENTS ARE SMALL SHOP OWNERS, SO THEY DO NOT HAVE A LOT OF STORAGE SPACE.

PORT UMM QASR

18. (S) QUESTION 4.1. APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY WFP PERSONNEL WORK AT THE UMM QASR FACILITY? WHAT ARE THE NUMBERS AND DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONNEL, INTERNATIONAL VERSUS NATIONAL, CROSS-REFERENCED BY ROLE. COULD OTHER PERSONNEL FILL IN FOR THE UN IF NEEDED? WFP REPORTS THAT NO/NO WFP PERSONNEL WORK IN THE PORT UMM QASR. TOTECNA, THE AGENCY THAT OVERSEES THE SECRET

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IMPORTS UNDER THE OIL FOR IRAQ PROGRAM (OIP), HAS A COMPOUND AT THE PORT WHERE ABOUT 15 STAFF ARE POSTED. ALL OTHER PERSONNEL AT THE PORT THAT ARE INVOLVED IN HE OIL FOR FOOD (OFF) ARE EMPLOYEES OF THE MOT.

19. (S) QUESTION 4.2 HOW DO THE BULK OF THE IRAQ NATIONAL WORKING WITH WFP GET PAID? WHAT IS TH WAGE FOR A PORT WORKER, TRUCK DRIVER, CRAME OPEATOR, ETC.? WFP'S NATIONAL STAFF GET PAID IN USDOLLARS, IN CASH, ON A MONTHLY BASIS. WFP'S BAGHAD OFFICE SENDS THE STAFF HOURS TO WFP'S REGIONALOFFICE IN CAIR 10. WFP/CAIRO SENDS THE REQUEST FOR UNDS TO OIP. OIP DISBURSES THE MONEY TO U.N. DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UNDP) IN BAGHDAD, WHO IN TURN GIVES THE DOLLARS TO THE WFP/BAGHDAD. SINCE WFP HAS NO NATIONAL STAFF AT THE PORT, NO AVERAGE WAGES CAN BE PROVIDED FOR PORT STAFF. THE FUNCTIONS MENTIONED ABOVE ARE FILLED BY THE MOT.

110. (S)QUESTION 4.3. WOULD IRAQIS BE LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO WORK IN THE ABSENCE OF THE UN IF THEY CONTINUED TO GET PAID? YES, WFP THINKS THEY WOULD, TO THE EXTENT THEY WERE ABLE TO DO SO.

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111. (S) QUESTION 4.4.5.6 WFP IS UNABLE TO SHED ANY LIGHT ON THE QUESTIONS REGARDING TANKERING OPERATIONS AT THE PORT SINCE IT HAS NO STAFF WORKING IN THE PORT. IT SUGGESTS THAT OIP WOULD BE A BETTER SOURCE.

WFP STAFFING

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112. (C) AS REPORTED IN REF B, WFP HAS FORMED A TASK FORCE
THAT HAS HELD TWO MEETINGS THUS FAR. THE NEXT MEETING IS ON
JANUARY 2. ONE OF ITS FIRST TASKS HAS BEEN TO IDENTIFY
POTENTIAL STAFF THAT COULD BE PULLED FROM OTHER OPERATIONS.
IT IS COMPLINIG A ROSTER AND NOTIFYING THE STAFF REGARDING
THEIR POTENTIAL INVOLVEMENT IN A POTENTIAL WFP GULF
OPERATION. THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND DIRECTOR OF
OPERATIONS, JEAN-JACQUES GRAISSE, IS ALSO BECOMING VERY
PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN THE CONTINGENCY PLANNING ASPECTS.

VIEWS ON RE-ESTABLISHING THE CURRENT SYSTEM

- 113. (S) THE KEY TO RE-STARTING THE CURRENT FOOD DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, IF THE ENTIRE OR PARTS OF THE SYSTEM ARE DERAILED, IS THE MOT AND THE WFP NATIONAL STAFF. AS STATED IN REF B AND REITERATED IN PARA 3 ABOVE, THE MOT PLAYS A TREMENDOUS ROLE IN THE SYSTEM, FROM START TO FINISH. IF POSSIBLE AT THIS STAGE, U.S. MISSION RECOMMENDS THE USG CONTEMPLATE HOW BEST TO CONTACT THESE INDIVIDUALS IF THERE IS A REGIME CHANGE, IN ORDER TO ASK/ENCOURAGE THEM TO RESUME THEIR PRIOR DUTIES. THESE STAFF KNOW THEIR JOBS WELL, AND AS IT IS DESCRIBED, THE CURRENT SYSTEM IS A WELL OILED-MACHINE THAT REQUIRES MINIMUM DAILY MAINTENANCE TO KEEP IT GOING, BUT THE MOT STAFF ARE KEY.
- 114. (S) WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT WFP ADAPT THE SAME DUTIES FOR THE SOUTH/CENTRAL REGION THAT IT CURRENTLY ASSUMES IN THE NORTH, WITH SOME ADDITIONAL ONES. THE MOT STAFF COULD CONTINUE THEIR SAME DUTIES BUT WITH CLOSER OVERISIGHT AND SECRET
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 DIRECTION FROM WFP. THESE DUTTES WOULD INCLUDE MAKING
 INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL (IF SANCTIONS WERE LIFTED) TENDERS
 FOR THE FOOD, CONTRACTING THE EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL
 TRANSPORT, MANAGEMENT OF THE PIPELINE, MAINTENANCE OF THE
 BENEFICIARY DATABASE FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTRY, AND OVERSEEING
 THE MILLING AND STORAGE OPERATION. (NOTE: WE UNDERSTAND
 THERE IS SOME SKIMMING TAKING PLACE ON THE INTERNATIONAL
 PURCHASES. WFP WOULD HAVE THE TOUGH JOB OF CLEANING THIS UP.
 END NOTE.)
- 115. (S) IN ORDER FOR WFP TO HAVE MONEY FOR THE FOOD PURCHASES, THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL NEEDS TO GIVE WFP LEGAL OWNERSHIP OF THE CURRENT OIP FOOD CONTRACTS. AND AS REPORTED IN REF B, WFP NEEDS TO AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE IN A POST-CONFLICT ZONE DETERMINE THE STATUS OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING: 1) HOUSEHOLD FOOD SECURITY; 2) WHAT IS LEFT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE IN EACH AREA; 3) THE INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES OF THE VARIOUS OFFICES OF THE MOT; 4) CURRENT STOCKS IN COUNTRY AND WHAT IS IN THE OFF PIPELINE. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, USG PERSONNEL SHOULD ASSIST WFP IN THESE TASKS.

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116. (S) U.S. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT ANOTHER MEETING BE HELD WITH WFP STAFF IN ROME OR WASHINGTON WITH KEY USG PLANNING MILITARY AND HUMANITARIAN PERSONNEL THE SECOND OR THIRD WEEK OF JANUARY TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION THAT TOOK PLACE ON DECEMBER 12. IF WE DECIDE ON A DATE NOW, WE CAN ENSURE THAT KEY WFP PERSONNEL ARE IN THE MEETING SO THAT DETAILED DISCUSSIONS REGARDING ALL FACETS OF THE OPERATION CAN TAKE PLACE. AS WAS STATED BY THE CENTCOM STAFF IN THE DECEMBER 12 MEETING, WFP WILL PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THE AFTERMATH OF ANY SECRET

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MILITARY ACTIVITY, AND IT BENEFITS US ALL TO INCLUDE THEM IN OUR DIALOGUE.
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